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1. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Assistant to Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), who said that she had been in contact with the Senator since yesterday and he had requested that she and Richard Perle be brought up to date, if possible today, on Soviet strategic developments. A meeting was scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon with Mr. Duckett, DD/S&T.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. James Lowenstein, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me the Chairman will be requesting the background documents relating to the President's notice of November 5 concerning changes in the intelligence community and asked if I could identify the documents for him. After checking with Mr. Maury, I called Mr. Lowenstein back and told him that I had in front of me the Federal Register section "Quarterly Compilation of Presidential Documents, November 8, 1971" which listed at page 1482 an item titled, "Reorganization of the U. S. Intelligence Community" with a subtitle, "Announcement outlining management steps for improving the effectiveness of the intelligence community, November 5, 1971." I told Mr. Lowenstein that from a quick examination the content of this announcement appeared to be identical to the White House press release of 5 November. After some conversation I made reference to the news ticker item of yesterday quoting Mr. Ziegler with regard to the memorandum referenced in Newsweek. Mr. Lowenstein noted that it was somewhat absurd to think that such an announcement could be made without "something preceding it." The conversation closed on a friendly note.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Richard Ransom, Special Armed Services Investigating Subcommittee staff, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the current hearings being conducted by the Subcommittee relating to the Cuban delegation to the Sugar Cane Conference in New Orleans. Mr. Ransom asked if we could provide a roster of the Cuban delegation. After discussion, I referred him to Mr. Neal Leary, Immigration and Naturalization Services.

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4. (Secret - JGO) Accompanied Mr. Carl Duckett, DD/S&T, to a meeting with Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, National Security and International Operations Subcommittee staff, Senate Government Operations Committee. Mr. Duckett updated information previously provided for Senator Jackson on the Soviet navy developments and strategic weapons systems. One item for followup concerning Soviet naval construction will be provided later in the week.

5. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, who told me that Chairman Stennis would like to have Mr. Helms meet with the full committee, as he did earlier in the year, for a general briefing. He noted that the intelligence community reorganization question might well come up. He indicated that Senator Stennis has this meeting very much on his mind and would appreciate response as quickly as possible. The Director has been advised.

6. (Unclassified - JGO) Handcarried to the office of Senator Clifford Case (R., N.J.) a letter to the Senator from the Director.

7. (Confidential - GLC) Messrs. [redacted] and I 25X1 attended a meeting in the State Department to discuss problems posed by various amendments to the Special Foreign Military and Related Assistance Act (S. 2819). See Memorandum for the Record.

8. (Unclassified - JMM) Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.) called on the Director and later chatted with OLC personnel. No specific problems were brought up.

9. (Secret - JMM) Representative William Minshall called to ask for figures on the percentage of the Soviet GNP and the Soviet national budget devoted to defense. I supplied figures provided by OSR.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, Deputy 25X1 Director, INR, State Department, called asking approval for some changed wording in a letter to the Foreign Relations Committee regarding [redacted]  
[redacted] I said his suggestion appeared reasonable.

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